Non-effective anti-rabies serum

1672. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of people have been killed due to non-effective anti-rabies serum available in the market;

(b) if so, whether CARIG (anti-rabies serum) from Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd. has caused deaths of several patients;

(c) the action being taken to prevent the use of such vaccines; and

(d) the details of action being taken against such pharma companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) This Ministry has not received any specific information from State Licensing Authorities about deaths of people due to non effectiveness of anti-rabies serum available in the market.

(b) to (d) As per the information received from the Commissioner, FDA Gujarat, there is no death reported following administration of anti rabies serum (CARIG) manufactured by M/s. Cadila Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad.

UPA's programme for population control

1673. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDI SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present Government's National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) for a sharply focused family control programme; and

(b) the steps taken to control towards population stabilization in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The National Common Minimum Programme aims at promoting population stabilization programme focusing on high fertility States through strengthening comprehensive primary health care.